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6 June 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Benjamin Evans, Jr.

SUBJECT : Morning Meeting Action Item (5 June 1970)

1. I realize how difficult it is to keep accurate track of what is said around the meeting table, particularly when some of the officials participating are a good distance away and are prone to mumble or speak elliptically. Your 5 June paragraph on my conversation with the Director and the discussion prompted thereby was slightly garbled -- almost certainly was a result of such factors.

2. Without wishing to be presumptuous, I would suggest you substitute the following in your records to keep the books accurate:

Noting receipt of a telephone call from Ambassador Sullivan who was intrigued by current Russian activities regarding Indochina -- particularly Firubin's sudden request for visa to visit Malik in New York on Monday (8 June) -- and noting a [ ] from Hanoi reporting various statements by Soviet officials there plus the fact that the Soviet Ambassador (Dean of the Diplomatic Corps) was deliberately excluded from Sihanouk's airport arrival reception. Carver initiated a discussion on Soviet-ChiCom relations, their respective attitudes toward the situation in Cambodia, and possible implications of such considerations for a negotiated settlement. DDP remarked that there have been some fifteen or twenty reports indicating that the Soviets are putting out the line that Hanoi is fatigued. It was recommended that, as a first step, all reports on this topic be pulled together. The Director thought this is the very least we could do, and Lehman said that he will take on this task.

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3. In the future, it might be mutually helpful if you could discuss such notes with me over the phone before writing them up.

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MORNING MEETING ACTION ITEM

TO: D/OCI

25X1 Noting receipt of a telephone call from Ambassador Sullivan concerning a [ ] reporting on Sihanouk's conspicuous absence from a Soviet-hosted reception in Hanoi, Carver initiated a lengthy discussion on Soviet-ChiCom relations, their respective attitudes toward the situation in Cambodia, and its possible meaning in terms of a negotiated settlement. DD/P remarked that there have been some fifteen or twenty reports indicating that the Soviets are putting out the line that Hanoi is fatigued and recommended that all reports on this topic be pulled together and studied. The Director thought this is the very least we should do, and Lehman said that he will take on this task.

cc: ADD/I  
Carver

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